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SUBJECT:DIVIDED FAMILIES AND DUAL NATIONALS LISTS

1. DEPT BELIEVES BEST TACTICS FOR USE OF LISTS WOULD BE FOR THESE TO BE HANDED TO ROMANIANS BY CHARGE AT SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL NOW. CHARGE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THIS ACTION BEING TAKEN IN CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR CEAUSESCU VISIT TO WASH. AND IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT WE PLAN TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER DURING VISIT.

2. FYI. WE SEE ADVANTAGE IN TAKING INITIATIVE ON THIS ISSUE NOW. IT WILL PUT ROMANIA IN BETTER POSITION TO RESPOND WHEN ISSUE IS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON. IT HAS POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL TACTICAL ADVANTAGE OF PRECLUDING ROMANIANS FROM TAKING FIRST STEP WHICH THEY MIGHT DO BY ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO CEAUSESCU ARRIVAL THAT VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO LEAVE. UNLESS THIS NUMBER WERE UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE, THIS WOULD AT TIME OF VISIT LEAVE US WITH WEAK RESPONSE THAT ROMANIAN ACTIONS NOT ENOUGH AND DEPRIVE OUR LISTS OF MUCH OF THEIR FORCE. END FYI.

3. BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD USE FULL LIST OF QUALIFIED IMMI-GRANTS, LIST OF 108 DUAL NATIONALS, PLUS ALL DUAL NATIONALS
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ON THE LONGER LIST WHO HAVE CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY
THEIR WISH TO BE REPATRIATED. THOSE PERSONS WHOSE DESIRE
TO BE REPATRIATED TO THE US IS KNOWN TO US ONLY FROM
THEIR US RELATIVES SHOULD BE WITHHELD FROM LIST UNTIL
THEIR DESIRES CAN BE CLEARLY ASCERTAINED. RUSH

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